

UNCLASSIFIED

Current Class: UNCLASSIFIED

Current Handling: n/a

RELEASED IN FULL

PTQ4194

UNCLASSIFIED

PTQ4194

E31

PAGE 01 BOGOTA 08042 142147Z  
ACTION ARA-01

INFO	LOG-00	ACDA-08	ACDE-00	INLB-01	ACQ-01	INL-01	SRPP-00
	DS-00	OIGO-01	UTED-00	TEDE-00	INR-00	L-01	ADS-00
	MMP-00	SCT-00	VO-03	ASDS-01	DSCC-00	DRL-04	NFAT-00
	SAS-00	/022W					

-----542BF9 142156Z /38

R 142136Z JUL 98  
FM AMEMBASSY BOGOTA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4079  
INFO SECDEF WASHDC  
DIRONDCP WASHDC  
SECDEF WASHDC//OCDEPS  
DIRNSA FT GEORGE G MEADE MD  
DEA WASHDC  
FBI WASHDC  
DIA WASHDC  
CIA WASHDC  
USCINCSO MIAMI FL  
NSC WASHDC  
USIA WASHDC 4401  
DEPT OF TREASURY WASHDC  
DEPT OF JUSTICE WASHDC

UNCLAS BOGOTA 008042

ONDCP FOR JANET CRIST AND ALLISON MAJOR  
SOUTHCOM ALSO FOR POLAD  
DEA FOR OF, OFL, OC, AX

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 BOGOTA 08042 142147Z  
JUSTICE FOR CRIM. WARREN, RICHARD AND NDDS/VAN VLIET  
FBI FOR CID/IRS/IRU2  
USIA FOR AT, I/GAR

E.O. 12958: N/A  
TAGS: KVPR, KJUS, PTER, PHUM, SNAR, PINR, PGOV, CO  
SUBJECT: THREE SENTENCED FOR 1991 MASSACRE

1. SUMMARY. A "FACELESS JUDGE" SENTENCED THREE MEN TO THIRTY YEARS IN PRISON FOR THE 1991 LOS UVOS MASSACRE IN WHICH 17 PEOPLE DIED. THE CORPORAL IN THE COLOMBIAN ARMY AND THE TWO CIVILIAN ARMY

Current Class: UNCLASSIFIED

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
REVIEW AUTHORITY: JOHN L MILLS  
DATE/CASE ID: 28 APR 2004 200400772

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

Current Class: UNCLASSIFIED

Current Handling: n/a

"INFORMANTS" SENTENCED IN THIS CASE HAVE ALSO BEEN ORDERED TO PAY A FINE OF 2500 GRAMS OF GOLD. TWO ARMY MAJORS IMPLICATED IN THE INVESTIGATION WILL APPARENTLY BE PROCESSED BY THE MILITARY JUDICIAL SYSTEM UNDER THE THIRD BRIGADE IN CALI. END SUMMARY.

2. ACCORDING TO BOGOTA DAILY "EL ESPECTADOR," CORPORAL JOSE GUSTAVO MORA PARRA AND CIVILIAN INFORMANTS JUAN CARLOS MUNOZ AND ASNE DORNEZ BURBANO WERE SENTENCED TO THIRTY YEARS IN PRISON AND A FINE OF 2500 GRAMS OF GOLD ON CHARGES OF MULTIPLE AGGRAVATED HOMICIDE, DESTRUCTION OF PUBLIC DOCUMENTS, DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY AND THEFT, RELATED TO THE APRIL 7, 1991 MASSACRE OF 17 PEOPLE IN LOS UVOS, CAUCA DEPARTMENT. THE FINE WILL BE PAID OUT TO THE HEIRS OF THE 17 VICTIMS.

3. ON APRIL 7, 1991, A GROUP OF ARMED MEN STOPPED A PUBLIC BUS WITH 15 PASSENGERS AND A MOTORCYCLE WITH TWO RIDERS ON A RURAL ROAD NEAR LOS UVOS, IN CAUCA. THE MEN COLLECTED THE IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND PERSONAL BELONGINGS OF THE VICTIMS, ORDERED THEM TO LIE FACE-DOWN ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD, AND PROCEEDED TO SHOOT ALL 17

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 BOGOTA 08042 142147Z  
PEOPLE. THE IDENTITY PAPERS WERE BURNED, THE BUSES DESTROYED, AND THE PERPETRATORS FLED THE SCENE, LEAVING LEAFLETS, PURPORTING TO BE FROM THE ELN AND SIMON BOLIVAR COORDINATING GROUP, STREWN ALONGSIDE THE BODIES. IN THE COURSE OF THE INVESTIGATION, AS EL ESPECTADOR REPORTS, AUTHORITIES PROVED THAT THE PARTIES RESPONSIBLE WERE ACTUALLY MEMBERS OF, OR WORKING WITH, THE ARMY'S "JOSE HILARIO LOPEZ" BATTALION AT POPAYAN. (NOTE: THE LOS UVOS MASSACRE FEATURED PROMINENTLY IN A 1993 HUMAN RIGHTS SURVEY BY AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL WHICH CONTRIBUTED TO THE TERMINATION OF U.S. GRANT ASSISTANCE TO THE COLOMBIAN ARMY IN 1993. END NOTE.)

4. TWO ARMY MAJORS, PABLO ALFONSO BRICENO LOVERA AND CESAR AUGUSTO SAAVEDRA PADILLA, HAVE BEEN LINKED TO THE MASSACRE AS WELL. THEIR CASE APPARENTLY FALLS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MILITARY PENAL SYSTEM IN THE GUISE OF THE THIRD BRIGADE IN CALI. (NOTE: THE CURRENT CHIEF OF STAFF OF THAT BRIGADE, SECOND IN COMMAND, IS ONE COLONEL MARCO HERNANDEZ BAEZ GARZON, WHO WAS SENTENCED ON MARCH 31 BY ANOTHER "FACELESS JUDGE" TO EIGHTEEN YEARS IN PRISON FOR THE 1988 SEGOVIA MASSACRE. TO DATE, HE HAS NOT BEEN DETAINED AND CONTINUES TO SERVE AT HIS POST. END NOTE.)

5. BEFORE THE END OF 1997, THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT RULED THAT CASES OF THIS NATURE SHOULD BE HANDLED BY THE CIVILIAN COURTS. IN PRACTICE, HOWEVER, THE CONSEJO SUPERIOR DE LA JUDICATURA, WHICH DETERMINES WHETHER CASES FALL UNDER MILITARY OR CIVILIAN JURISDICTION, CONTINUES TO LEAVE A NUMBER OF THESE CASES TO THE

Current Class: UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

Current Class: UNCLASSIFIED  
Current Handling: n/a

MILITARY JUSTICE SYSTEM. GARZA

UNCLASSIFIED

NNNN

Current Class: UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED